

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONIALS  
RELATING TO DR. STRUTHERS,  
*As Professor of Anatomy*  
IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.



*This Testimonial, from MEMBERS of the MEDICAL PROFESSION in ABERDEEN, exclusive of Professors and Examiners in the University, has been kindly presented to me, unsolicited. J. S.*

ABERDEEN, March 27, 1867.

A vacancy having occurred in the Anatomical Chair of the University of Edinburgh, owing to the death of Professor Good-sir, we understand that our distinguished Professor of Anatomy is a candidate. During the few years that this talented and energetic Anatomist has taught in this University we have noticed, with much admiration, a marked improvement in the Anatomical knowledge of our students, especially in the department of Practical Anatomy. This has been entirely owing to his remodelling of the working of this department, and adopting a new and advanced method of teaching. As to his profound knowledge of Anatomy and Physiology, and his other accomplishments as a Lecturer, we know that the men of highest standing throughout Europe have already amply testified ; and we dare say there are few medical men who are unacquainted with his writings or his name as an original thinker. Any additional testimony of ours seems therefore unnecessary. Should Professor Struthers be successful in obtaining the appointment he now seeks, we should deeply regret the loss to our University, yet we cannot allow the present opportunity to pass without expressing our conviction that his merit deserves the highest reward which any University can give.

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President of the Medico-Chirurgical Society, Aberdeen; late Inspector-General of Hospitals, Bengal.

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 Fellow of the Obstetrical Society of London; Assistant  
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 University of Aberdeen.
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 Physician to the Royal Infirmary of Aberdeen.
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 Medical Officer, Aberdeen General Dispensary.
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 Medical Officer, Aberdeen Dispensary,
- WILLIAM REID, M.D.
- JAMES MURRAY, M.D.
- A. R. PATERSON, M.D., C.M.
- ✓ GEO. ANGUS,  
 Late Superintending Surgeon, East India Company's  
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- ✓ JOHN GRAY, Surgeon.
- ✓ WILLIAM LESLIE, M.R.C.S., London.
- ROBERT JAMIESON, M.D.,  
 Physician to the Royal Lunatic Asylum of Aberdeen.
- H. JACKSON, M.D.
- J. E. FOWLER, M.D.
- ALEX. REITH, M.D.
- JOHN WIGHT, M.D.
- JAMES MARSHALL, M.D., M.R.C.S.E.
- JOHN WOOD, M.R.C.S.E.
- ✓ AL. RAINY, Physician and Surgeon.
- WM. FRASER. M.R.C.S.E.,  
 Physician, General Dispensary, Aberdeen.
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- JAMES MOIR, M.R.C.S.E.
- WILLIAM ROSS, M.D.,  
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Surgeon, M.R.C.S.L.
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- ✓ AL. DUNCAN, M.A., M.B., and  
M.R.C.S., London.
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- ALEX. OGSTON, M.D.
- C. M. MACQUIBBAN, M.B.
- ANGUS FRASER, M.A., M.D.
- WILLIAM TEMPLETON, M.D.,  
late Lecturer in the King's College Medical  
School, Aberdeen.

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From JAMES RODGER, A.M., M.B., and C.M., Aberdeen, Demonstrator of  
Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen. This Testimonial was unsolicited.

1, MARY PLACE, ABERDEEN,  
27th March, 1867.

My Dear Dr Struthers,—I have had the happy fortune of being acquainted with you during the time you have occupied the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen ; first, for two years in my capacity as a student, and afterwards as your Assistant and Demonstrator, and should any testimony of mine be of service to you in your present application for the vacant Chair of Anatomy in Edinburgh, I shall have much pleasure in affording it.

Leaving others more highly qualified than myself to mention your wide fame as an original observer in Anatomical and Physiological science, I have principally to speak of some of the many advantages our school here has enjoyed during your short, but successful, career as Professor of Anatomy among us.

As to your lectures, I can testify to their being highly interesting and instructive, and frequently blended with a happy fertility of illustration and analogy, thereby rendering attractive a subject which is too often considered of itself dry and uninteresting. With many others I can also testify to the benefits of your thoroughly practical method of instruction in the dissecting-room and elsewhere, by which your pupils are trained to a system of original observation and self-reliance calculated to be of invaluable service to them in their several professional duties in after life. To your untiring zeal and disinterested exertion are due the greatly increased opportunities now afforded us in the study of Practical Anatomy in the dissecting-room, as well as Practical Microscopical Anatomy, and to you we are indebted for the numerous specimens recently added to our Anatomical Museum.

As your Demonstrator and Assistant for the last two years, I have always found you indefatigable in promoting the interests of all departments of Anatomical study, a thorough and impartial examiner for all class distinctions in merit, possessing a most encouraging and affable manner towards students and everyone else around you, and both by your precept and example you have tended to raise the moral tone of the school.

If then it is with feelings of pleasure that I hope for your success in your present application, it is nevertheless mingled with regret that we may so soon have to part with one who has done so much service among us, and is calculated to do so much more wherever he may be settled hereafter.

I am,

Yours most respectfully,

JAMES RODGER.

*From WILLIAM BENNETT DALBY, M.D., F.R.C.S., Edin., Surgeon, R.N.*

H.M.S. "IMPLACABLE,"  
DEVONPORT, *March 25, 1867.*

When Dr John Struthers obtained the Chair of Anatomy at Aberdeen, I held an appointment in the Naval Reserve there, and as I took a very deep interest in the School of Medicine, I had great opportunities of seeing the working of the Anatomical department, to which I especially paid attention. I must say that the great changes made in that branch of the School by Dr Struthers were wonderfully to its advantage. In a short time it became one of the most efficient Schools of Anatomy I had ever seen. A great many preparations were added to the Museum, and a class-room arranged for the use of the Microscope, with every facility and encouragement for the study of Anatomy.

Having attended two courses of Doctor Struthers' Lectures, I have much pleasure in stating that I never knew the subject more clearly or impressively handled. As a Surgeon of twenty years' standing, I used to look forward with pleasure to the agreeable hour of his lecture, and dull indeed must have been the student who could not obtain a thorough knowledge of Anatomy under such an able teacher.

Wm. BENNETT DALBY.

*From J. COOPER FORSTER, M.B., London, F.R.C.S., Lecturer on Anatomy,  
and Assistant Surgeon to Guy's Hospital.*

10, ST. THOMAS STREET,  
SOUTHWARK, S.E., *18th March, 1867.*

Before visiting Aberdeen I was well acquainted with the writings and researches of Dr Struthers on Anatomy and Physio-

logy, but an inspection of the scene of his labours has convinced me that he is no ordinary worker, but evidently one devoted to science for the satisfaction it affords—one to whom the investigation of occult matters is a real source of enjoyment, and one who at the same time combines such an amount of practical with scientific teaching as renders his instruction most useful to the students, and insures him the respect and attention of his class. With these qualifications I cannot imagine any one more fitted to fill the Chair of Anatomy at Edinburgh, now vacant by the death of Professor Goodsir. I feel fully persuaded that the mantle of that distinguished Anatomist cannot fall on any one more competent as his successor than Dr Struthers.

J. COOPER FORSTER.

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*This Testimonial, from MEMBERS of the NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY of ABERDEEN, has been kindly presented to me, unsolicited. J. S.*

ABERDEEN, March 25, 1867.

Understanding that Dr John Struthers, Professor of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen, is a Candidate for the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Edinburgh, we, the undersigned members of the Aberdeen Natural History Society, while leaving it to others to speak more particularly to his high scientific attainments, desire to record our testimony to the great zeal which Dr Struthers has shown while in Aberdeen in labouring to spread a knowledge of the important branches of Anatomy and Physiology beyond, as well as within, the walls of the University.

We have been present at many Lectures which he has delivered to audiences of a more or less popular character, and we can testify that they have been given with such marked ability, clearness of method, logical arrangement, and force of expression,

that they have secured delighted attention to subjects which, in the hands of an ordinary lecturer, would have been dry and uninteresting.

However much we might be disposed to regret the removal of one to whom we have so often listened with pleasure and profit, we shall feel great satisfaction in seeing his promotion to a position which he is so eminently qualified to fill.

JOHN ROY.  
 JAMES HODGE.  
 ALEX. CLARK.  
 JOHN WILSON.  
 COLIN M'PHERSON.  
 PATRICK NICOL.  
 W<sub>M</sub>. WILLIAMSON.  
 ARTHUR STEPHEN.  
 C. M. MACQUIBBAN, M.B.  
 ALEXANDER ADAM.  
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 ALEX. COPLAND.  
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 GEO. MILNE.  
 JOHN ROBB.  
 GEORGE SIM.  
 J. CAMPBELL BROWN.  
 ALEX. BEVERLY, A.M.  
 JAMES TAYLOR.  
 WILL. ALEXANDER.  
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